
GOVERNMENT NOTICE GOEWERMENSKENNISGEWING

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974

REGULATIONS DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROFESSION OF PSYCHOLOGY

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 33(1) of the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974, as amended by Act No. 29 of 2007 and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations unless the context otherwise indicates, "**the Act**" shall mean the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) as amended, and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates-

"**board**" means the Professional Board of Psychology established in terms of section 15(1) of the Act;

"**psychology**" means the profession of a person registered under the Act as a psychologist, psychometrist, registered counsellor, psycho technician or in any other category of registration as may be established by the board; and

"**section**" means a section of the Act.

Scope of the profession

2. The following acts shall be deemed to be acts specially pertaining to the profession of psychology:-
- (a) the evaluation of behaviour or mental processes or personality adjustments or adjustments of individuals or of groups of persons, through the use or interpretation

of any psychological test, questionnaire, instrument, apparatus, device or similar method for the determination of intellectual abilities, aptitude, interests, personality make-up or personality functioning, and the diagnosis or measurement of personality and emotional functions, neuropsychological disorders and mental functioning deficiencies according to a recognised scientific system for the classification of mental deficiencies;

- (b) the use of any psychological method or practice aimed at aiding persons or groups of persons in the adjustment of personality, emotional or behavioural problems or at the promotion of positive personality change, growth and development, and the identification and evaluation of personality dynamics and personality functioning according to scientific psychological methods;
- (c) the evaluation of emotional, behavioural and cognitive processes or adjustment of personality of individuals or groups of persons by the usage and interpretation of psychological questionnaires, tests, projections, or other techniques or any apparatus, whether of South African origin or imported, for the determination of intellectual abilities, aptitude, personality make-up, personality functioning psycho physiological functioning or psychopathology;
- (d) the exercising of control over prescribed psychological questionnaires or tests or prescribed techniques, apparatus or instruments for the determination of intellectual abilities, aptitude, personality make-up, personality functioning, psychophysiological functioning or psychopathology;
- (e) the development of and control over the development of psychological questionnaires, tests, techniques, apparatus or instruments for the determination of intellectual abilities, aptitude, personality make-up, personality functioning, psychophysiological functioning or psychopathology;
- (f) the use of any psychological questionnaire, test, prescribed techniques, instrument, apparatus, device or similar method for the determination of intellectual abilities, aptitude, personality make-up, personality functioning, temperament, psychophysiological functioning, psycho-pathology or personnel career selection, and for this purpose the board will publish a Board Notice listing the tests which are classified by the board for use by registered psychologists;